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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF 2ND UN DEVELOPMENT
DECADE

1. AT ITS MEETING OCT 2-5, OECD MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE'S SPECIAL GROUP ON UNCTAD EXAMINED PARAS 26 AND 49 (BOTH DEALING WITH SHIPPING) OF "WORKING PAPER" OF ECOSOC RES E/RES/1827/(LV) ON UN DD-II REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE. SPECIAL GROUP UNDERSTOOD THAT SUBJECT MIGHT ARISE IN UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE DURING THIS WEEK.

2. SPECIAL GROUP BASED ITS REVIEW ON OECD DOC DAF/MTC/73.51 (COPY AIRPOUCHED TO USUN), WHICH SUMMARIZES DISCUSSIONS ON SHIPPING PARAGRAPHS AT OECD TENTH AD HOC MEETING ON UN DD-II. SPECIAL GROUP NOTED STATISTICAL INACCURACIES IN PARA 26 WHICH SOME WEO DELS AT UNGA WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE CORRECTED. (SEE ANNEX I OF DAF/MTC/73.51 FOR CORRECT INFO) US DEL RECOMMENDS THAT USUN SUPPORT OTHER WEO EFFORTS TO CORRECT FIGURES.

3. MAIN DISCUSSION CENTERED ON PARA 49 RELATING TO LINER CONFERENCE CODE. WHILE NO DECISION TAKEN THAT THERE SHOULD BE UNIFORM
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WEO POSITION, MAJORITY OF DELS PREFERRED REVISION PROPOSED BY

UK (PARA 6 OF DAF/MTC/73.51) WITH LAST SENTENCE CHANGED TO READ
ALONG LINES OF "ADOPTION OF SUCH A CODE WOULD BE OF BENEFIT
TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." IDEA OF THIS CHANGE WOULD BE TO
AVOID POSSIBLE IMPLICATION OF ORIGINAL SENTENCE THAT CODE WILL
PROVIDE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDC'S.

4. SEVERAL DELS ALSO STATED THEY COULD SUPPORT SIMPLER US
PROPOSAL OF ENDING PRESENT PARA 49 AT WORDS "IN THE FIELD OF
SHIPPING" (AS CONTAINED IN UNEC POSITION PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT).
US DEL RECOMMENDS THAT USUN SUPPORT WHICHEVER REVISION IS MORE
LIKELY TO SUCCEED.BROWN

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